(b) if so, the details of the new tech-Hatogy/methiodg Goveinment propose to adopt to construct roads in the country;

(c) the estimated length of (National Highways to be repaired during the current financial year; and

(d) the details of state in whcih these would be contracted/repaired?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The need for modernisation of road construction technology is recognised. Ministry is continuously making efforts to propagate modern technology for the construction of National Highways and other roads in the country. Steps taken in this regard include revision of specifications to cover new materlahi/lmethiod'ologies; prequalification of contractors; mandatory use of required machinery; upgrading technology of indigenous equipment; etc.

(c) and (d). Whole length of the National Highway system (33704 km) is covered every year insofar as Ordinary Repairs are concerned. As regards Periodical Renewals, it is estimated that approximately 2380 kms will be taken up during the current financial year covering almost all the States and U. Ts in the coun-

Foreign aided water and irrigated projects in the country

730. SHRI KRISHNAKUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to give top priority to the foreign aided water and irrigation projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the foreign aided water and irrigation projects in the country;

(c) the steps at which each of the said project stands; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to expedite its completion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE SOURCES WITH ADDITIONA CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANU BHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement giving the details is enclosed. *(See* below),

(c) and (d) Irrigation Projects are Planned, funded and implemented by State Governments. The Irrigation and water Resources Projects mentioned in tne enclosed statement funded by external agencies are all on-going projects and are in various stages of implementation.

Statement

SI. No.	Name of the Project	Duration Project/ of Credit closing date	Quantum of assistanc
1	2	3	4
	WORLDS BANK		
1	A. P. Composite Irrigation-II Project.	. 30-6-94	US $ 271 m
2	Bihar Public Tubewell Project..	. 31-5-94	US $ 68 m
3	Gujarat Medium Irrigation-II Project. «	. 31-12-90	US % 172 m
4	Sardar Sarovar Dam & Power.,	. 30-6-95	US $ 300 m

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5	Sardar Sarovar-Water Delivery & Drainage Project	02-7-90	US $ 150 m
6	Haryana Irrigation-II Project. . . .	31-3-91	US $ 150 m
7	Maharashtra Composite Irrigation-Ill Project	30-6-91	US S 160 m
8	Maharashtra Water Utilisation Project	31-8-90	US $54-7 m
9	M. P. Major Irrigation Project. . . .	30-6-90	US $ 220 m
10	National Water Management Project	31-3-90	US $ 114 m
11	Periyar Vaigai Irrigation-II Project	30-4-90	US *$* 35 m
12	Upper Ganga Modernisation Irrigation Project	30-9-91	US $ 125 m
13	Second U. P. Public Tubewells Project	31-3-91	US $ 101 m
14	West Bengal Minor Irrigation Project	31-3-91	US | 99 m
15	Upper Krishna Irrigation-II Project	31-12-96	US $ 325 m
16	Punjab Irrigation & Drainage Project	31-3-98	US $ 165 m
1	USA M. P. Minor Irrigation Project. . . .	30-6-91	US $ 46 m
2	Maharashtra Minor Irrigation.. -.	30-6-91	US $ 50 m
3	Hill Area Land & Water Development Project.	30-9-91	US $ 52 m
4	Water Resources Management & Training Project	30-9-92	US | 51 m
	GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS		'
1	Tungabhadra Chak Water Management Project.	*21* Years	Dfl 2- 3 m
2	Kharlands Reclamation Project....	30-6-91	Dfl 15m
3	U. P. Tubewells Project	3 Years	Dfl 90. 0 m
4	Training in Water Management (Ph-II)	2 Years	Dfl 5 588 m
	JAPAN (DECF)		
1 2 3	Upper Indravati Irrigation Project Upper Kolab Irrigation Projects.... Engineering Service for IGNP	5 Years 5 Years 1 Year	Yen 3-744 m Yen 3 769 m Yen 84 00 n
1	Water Control System (Maharashtra)..		ECU 15 00 m
2 3	Tamil Nadu Tank Irrigation (Phase-I). Tamil Nadu Tank Irrigation (Phase-II)	31-03-91 31-10-95	ECU 25- 00 m ECU 24- 5 m
4	A. P. Minor Irrigation Project. . . . FRG	30-06-91	ECU 30- 0 *m*
1	Rajasthan Minor Irrigation. . . . CANADA	31-12-93	D. M. 15' 00 m
1	Rajasthan Agricultural Drainage Research Porject, IF AD	31-12-95	Canadian $ 57- 54 m
1	U. P. Tubewells Project..;..	31-03-91	1FAL *$* 35-3 m